

# THE NEWS

PARIS. : : : KENTUCKY.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Condensed and Put into Readable Shape.

### DOMESTIC.

**JOHN A. WRIGHT**, a tea dealer of New York, has been indicted at Philadelphia for perjury, in swearing that Redheffer & Stuart, tea dealers, had conspired to cheat him out of his property.

When nearing Lynchburg, Va., on the 22d, Engineer Fortman and Harris, his fireman, fell to quarreling about a lady while the train was in full motion. The fireman struck the engineer over the head with a coal-pick, causing a dangerous wound.

At Jerseyville, Ill., on the 22d, Walter Dundson shot and killed Mrs. Nellie Dundson and then shot himself, but only inflicted a slight wound. He is in jail.

**MARCO P. KAY**, Deputy Auditor of Alameda County, Cal., who embezzled \$16,000, has been sentenced to fourteen years in the State Prison, the full penalty of the crime.

**GEORGE JOHNSON**, of New York City, got up during the night at a hotel in Hot Springs, Ark., to take a drink from a pitcher with a broken mouth. The pitcher fell and severed the femoral artery. He was found lying speechless in his blood, and died within a few hours.

The schooner *Wells Burt* was lost in the storm on Lake Michigan a few nights ago. There were seven men on board. The vessel was valued at \$30,000.

A WRECKAGE party in Racine, Wis., have picked up seventeen wagon-loads of chairs and bedsteads, which were broken to pieces by the cyclone. The first of the demolished structures is to be rebuilt in a saloon.

**Mrs. LOUISE GUDAN**, proprietor of a manufactory of artificial leaves in New York, lost her life, a few days ago, while endeavoring to save others from the fire which destroyed her factory.

The brig *St. Sapers*, from Buenos Ayres to New York, foundered at sea a few days since. There was insurance on the cargo and vessel to the amount of \$200,000. The crew were saved.

Two women of bad character, who had boarded a train on the Wash., St. Louis and Pacific road on the 23d, were admonished by the conductor regarding their behavior. As he turned to leave them, one of the women drew a revolver and shot at him, the ball passing through a window of the coach. They then both jumped from the train and escaped.

**JAMES HEALEY**, of East Cairo, Ill., and Henry Deitrich, of Bird's Point, Mo., cut each other with knives in a fight on a ferry-boat a few days ago. Both are supposed to be fatally wounded.

**SAMUEL ANDERSON**, a well known citizen of Amherst County, Va., committed suicide on the 23d by shooting himself through the heart. Cause, ill health.

**Near Livingston, Kas.**, on the 23d, Geo. Cramer made a proposition of marriage to Miss Lillie Wenzell, who refused him. He then drew a revolver, shot her twice, and then cut his own throat. Both are expected to die.

**SMALLPOX** of a virulent type has broken out in the Lancaster County (Pa.) Prison, and the institution has been placed in quarantine. No person with the exception of the keepers and physicians are allowed to leave the building, and a similar prohibition has been placed on all manufactured goods. At present six prisoners are ill with the disease.

SIXTEEN hundred barrels of bonded whiskey were shipped from Newport News, Va., to Bermuda, a few days ago. Sixty thousand barrels more are to be exported before the year's end. Secretary Folger is not in favor of allowing this exportation and reimportation to go on. He holds that while done under the forms of law, it is simply an evasion of taxes due the Government, and should not be allowed. An opinion has been asked from the Attorney-General.

SIX boxes of slung shots were accidentally discovered at Pier No. 7, New York, on the 23d, in a consignment marked chocolate. They were directed to H. O. Naeger. The police took charge of them, and when Meyer, a German, came to inquire about them, he was arrested. He pretended to think that there was nothing wrong in shipping a shipment of slung-shots to the city. It is thought they were to be used during the bridge celebration.

A HORRIBLE murder was committed on the 23d at McFarlands, Lunenburg County, Va., the victim being a child, Alice Bolling, who was brained by its mother. After committing the deed the murderer buried the child, which was subsequently found with the skull crushed in a frightful manner. The murderer confessed her guilt, but assigned no cause for the crime.

A MONEY-CARRIER for the United States Express Company was robbed in Cleveland on the 24th of pouches which it is estimated contained \$15,000.

The Collector of Customs has been directed not to allow a lot of moneyless Mormons, whose arrival is expected, to land, if they are paupers within the meaning of the Immigration Act.

The New York and Brooklyn Bridge was opened on the 24th. President Arthur was in attendance. In Brooklyn the occasion was made a universal holiday. Buildings were decorated. The formal exercises were held in the Brooklyn terminal station. Vice President Kinsley, of the Bridge Trustees, presented the structure to the city, and it was received by Mayor Edson, for New York, and Mayor Low, for Brooklyn. Orations were delivered by Congressman Abram S. Hewitt and the Rev. Richard S. Storrs. A display of fireworks was given on the bridge in the evening. There were seven thousand pieces let off from the bridge, besides a continuous torrent in both cities.

The proposition to surrender the charter of the city of Helena, Ark., in order to escape the payment of the municipal indebtedness, has been voted down.

The Pennsylvania wool growers denounce the last Congress and Senator Sherman for the failure to provide adequate protection to the wool growing interests. They will aid in the formation of a National Association to oppose all Congressmen who will not promise to assist in getting the industry protected.

The First Division of the Guatemala Central Railroad, from San Jose to Escuintla, has been turned over to an American company represented by General Daniel Butterfield.

Lieutenant STEELE, of Fort Maginnis, while out scouting near Mussellsell, on the

Missouri River, a few days ago, captured a band of fifty-two Indians under the Creek Chief, Tabor. The Indians have been started for Fort Assiniboine, and will be driven back into Canada.

SHERIFF BLAKELEY, of Ft. Bend County, Texas, has been acquitted of the killing of Charles Douglas last winter.

CAPTAIN RAND and Mate Thomas Pender have been convicted at Philadelphia of violating the neutrality laws by carrying arms and insurgents to Hayti.

The Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service has established a quarantine station at Pensacola.

PATRICK CASEY, the ex-police officer who shot and killed Sergeant Comiskey, at Hunter's Point Station House, New York, a few weeks ago, has been sentenced to be hanged July 13.

MRS. MARY COOLEY, aged seventy-three, living in New Mexico, Mo., committed suicide on the 24th by driving a pair of scissors into the top of her skull with a heavy iron bolt, the points penetrating the brain and breaking off in her head. She was a widow. No cause is assigned for the deed.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

SOME of the officers of the Army and Navy are in a bad way. Paymaster Morrow, of the Army, is under a cloud, owing to his having sold his pay account to three or four different New York brokers. Lieutenant Commander White, of the Navy, has resigned, it is said, to avoid Court-martial for scandalous conduct at Norfolk. Colonel George Butler has resigned because of the poor provision for the garrison at Ft. Keogh, where he is stationed.

TYNAN does not appear to be in a hurry to give himself up, notwithstanding his published card to the effect that he could be found in New York at any time when needed. Dr. Williams, of New York, said a few days ago that all the detectives in the country could not find him. He is said to have been a spectator at the Philadelphia Convention.

FREDDIE GEBHARDT had his face slapped at Delmonico's Hotel, New York, a few nights ago by Wm. C. Sanford. A duel was talked of, but it is said Freddie's nerve was not equal to a settlement of the difficulty in that way.

THE Royal Society of Canada has appointed the following delegates to the meeting of the National Academy of Science, at Washington: Dr. S. Hunt, Major Powell and W. Gossip.

THE New Jersey Prohibition State Convention on the 22d, nominated Dr. Isaac N. Quimby, of Jersey City, for Governor.

JUDGE CHESTER H. KRUM, a prominent attorney of St. Louis, left his home on the 26th of last April to try an important case in Chicago, Ill., since which time nothing has been heard from him. The greatest mystery surrounds his disappearance, but whispers are rife of heavy financial losses recently sustained by the missing man at the poker table. This fact, it is thought, furnishes a solution to the cause of his disappearance.

An editorial excursion over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway to Leadville and return, left Chicago on the 23d. The party was made up of editors from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Canada, Nova Scotia, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. The round trip will occupy twelve days.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR visited New York on the 22d. He does not expect to be much at the White House during the next four months. He will make a trip through the West, which will, perhaps, be extended to California.

DAVID TODD, son of Justice Todd, of the Louisiana Supreme Court, and Jos. Levissey, of the New Orleans *Mascot*, fought a duel at fifteen paces, on the 22d. Several harmless shots were fired when both parties declared themselves satisfied.

"GATH" (George A. Townsend) was knocked down on the floor of a New York hotel a few days ago by Mr. Duncan Harrison, whose sister (an actress) had been commented upon in one of the correspondent's numerous newspaper letters.

GENERAL BEAUREGARD says in a recent interview, that the colored people in the South are decreasing in number. He thinks the neglect of the infirm and of the young is one cause. Crime, he says, has increased among them.

EX-SENATOR TABOR's partner, Bush, who he accused of embezzlement, has brought a counter suit for \$107,000. One item in his account is \$19,000 for services in securing the election of Tabor to the United States Senate and in procuring his divorce from his first wife, and in bringing about the marriage with Miss McCourt.

THE Republicans of Kentucky in Convention on the 23d nominated Wm. Cassius Goodloe, of Lexington, for Governor. Walter Evans, the new Internal Revenue Commissioner, was made President of the Convention.

JUDGE TULEY, of the Chicago Circuit Court, has declared in favor of the book-shops in their contest with the Board of Trade and the telegraph companies.

MISS IDA SHOOK, the belle of the village of Ellettsville, Ill., has disappeared, and it is supposed she has eloped with one of the Wilberforce colored concert singers.

JOHN B. WATKINS, of Lawrence, Kas., has purchased from the State of Louisiana ninety-two thousand acres of land in Calcasieu Parish, and seven hundred and ten thousand acres in Cameron Parish, for \$100,294.

THE English Minister in Washington honored the Queen's birthday (the 24th) by an elegant dinner. In Canada the day was generally observed as a holiday.

NEW YORK club men insist that Freddie Gebhardt must demand satisfaction of young Sandford. In no other way can his lacerated honor be redeemed.

THE Kentucky Republican Convention completed its work at Lexington on the 24th by the nomination of General Speed S. Fry for Lieutenant Governor, Louis C. Garrigus for Attorney General, Leroy S. Hawthorne for Auditor, A. Parley for Treasurer, Rev. J. P. Pinkerton for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and J. W. Asbury, colored, for Register of the Land Office.

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 22d says: "An order will be issued in a few days for the trial of Major A. H. Nickerson, late Assistant Adjutant General, now on the retired list. He had an excellent army record during the civil war, and came here with strong recommendations from General Crook for excellent service on the frontier. He has lived in much style here, was a member of a well metropolitan club, and has been much in elite society. A short time since he procured a divorce from his wife, who was in Europe, alleging that she had deserted him. It now appears that she knew nothing of

the proceedings till the divorce was announced. She then raised money and returned, and has laid before the War Department proof to show that he sent her abroad and refused to send her money to return. The War Department has ordered him not to leave the city without leave from the Secretary, and an officer was sent to Philadelphia to investigate the means by which the divorce was procured. The day after it was granted Nickerson was married to a Baltimore lady, and they are now living in his residence here. Mrs. Nickerson, the divorced wife, has entered suit in Philadelphia to set aside the decree, and direct that alimony be allowed her."

THERE is a report from Washington that the President has directed that Secretary Folger shall have control of the \$100,000 appropriated for the prevention of yellow fever. The effect of this order will be to put the fund into the hands of the Marine Hospital Service.

JAMES R. DAVIES and assistants have been appointed to act as tea inspectors at different ports, to protect the country from the importation of adulterated teas.

COLONEL FRANK HOWE, for a long time Pension Agent in New York and well known in social circles, died at Washington on the night of the 23d, sadly reduced and broken in body and mind.

PATENT COMMISSIONER MARBLE estimates that the receipts of the Patent Office for the current year will be \$1,200,000, or \$200,000 more than last year. After July 1 the force in the office will be reduced by twenty-one clerks. This reduction will not affect the examining division, but will, it is stated, retard work in the copying divisions.

### FOREIGN.

An inquiry is proceeding at Dublin into the murder conspiracy which has been unearthed in County Mayo. The first clue to its existence was obtained from a person who was arrested with suspicious papers in his possession. He was then released to act as a spy in the interest of the police. In this capacity he attended several meetings of the conspirators at which a number of persons were named to be murdered. The assassins were appointed by lot. In furtherance of the plots concocted by the conspirators, two farmers were shot and wounded. Six of the plotters have been arrested and are undergoing examination.

THE Japanese Government has purchased the man-of-war now lying in the Tyne, which was originally intended for the Chilean Navy.

MATTERS are assuming serious shape in Ecuador. The Dictator, Veintemilla, robbed a private bank of \$32,000. It is believed that he intends, after destroying the property of his enemies, to leave the country. Bloodshed and rioting are expected. There are foreigners who have large property interests which are in danger.

THE existence of a secret society with three hundred members has been discovered in Spain. Thirty-four of the members have been arrested.

THE Suez Canal Company have announced that they propose to commence the cutting of a parallel canal across the isthmus forthwith, and have applied to the English Government for their support in obtaining the necessary concession of land from the Khedive.

WM. C. PHELAN, of Portland, Me., has been arrested at Montreal, with \$10,000 in bonds belonging to the Mayflower Gold Mining Company, of Utah.

SHIP-OWNERS favoring another canal across the Isthmus of Suez have raised \$20,000 for preliminary expenses, and will notify the Government of the project.

An earnest welcome is being prepared for Archbishop Croke in Ireland. He said at Wicklow that he was confident that when the Pope understood the situation better, the efforts of the priesthood and himself for the Irish would be crowned with success. It was announced in the House of Commons on the 24th that the Pope's circular was not issued at the request of the British Government.

### LATER NEWS.

An entire family were poisoned in Paterson, N. J., a few days ago, it is supposed by a beef steak. Two of them are dead.

Two hundred and seventy packages of adulterated tea were seized in New York a few days ago by Government officials. The Chinese Minister in Washington believes that such action will improve the trade of tea sent to this country.

A REPORT was received on the 25th that General Crook was in hot pursuit of a band of Indians, whom he drove from an entrenched position in the Sierra Madre a few days ago. Sixty of the Indians were killed in the fight.

At the auction sale of the choice chairs at the Chicago Club Board, on the 25th, \$38,000 were realized. Forty of the chairs sold for a premium of over \$500 each.

JOHN BRYAN, correspondent in Ireland for the *New York World*, has been arrested for intimidating the driver of a mail wagon by calling him a spy and an informer.

THE Prohibitionists of Pennsylvania claim a growth of public sentiment in favor of submitting a prohibitory amendment to a vote of the people.

JEWISH persecutions have been begun again in Rostoff, Russia. A riot was thus caused recently which the soldiery found difficult in subduing.

A STORY comes from Beloit, Wis., to the effect that during a fierce wind and rain-storm on the 25th, a number of live fish, one weighing a pound, dropped in the business streets. Hailstones fell four inches in circumference.

THE rag house of Isenberg Bros., in Louisville, burned on the 25th; loss, \$30,000. Other fire losses reported were saw-mill belonging to A. H. Petrie & Co., Muskegon, Wis., \$57,000; residence of Conrad Wolf Glendale, O., \$700; residence of John Floyd Paducah, Ky., \$10,000.

THE steamer *Pilot* exploded her boiler near Lakeville, Cal., on the 25th and all the forward part of the boat was blown away. Eight are known to have been killed. Seven are wounded, and there are ten missing. Several were thrown a long distance, and falling upon the land, were killed or badly hurt.

At the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Baptist Missionary Union, in Saratoga, on the 25th, Rev. George Dana Bondman, of Philadelphia, was elected President. The Union maintains 190 missionaries, 1,36 native preachers, 1,075 churches, with a membership of 102,145. There were 10,641 converts baptized during the past year. The receipts for the year were \$316,596. Rev. F. A. Douglas emphatically denoted that he had authorized the statement charging dishonesty against the officials of the Society. He said: "I deeply regret to appear to have been used. I ask forgiveness of God and of you all."

### THE COMMONWEALTH.

A DIFFICULTY occurred at Russellville, Logan County, a few days ago, in front of the Court-house, between James Stanley and Lewis C. Garrigus, in which the latter was shot by the former, wounding him in the elbow joint of the right arm. The wound is very painful but not considered dangerous. Both gentlemen are lawyers and were formerly partners. They had previously had a falling out about some business matters. Garrigus was not armed. Stanley was arrested.

LEONARD MITCHELL, a boy about fourteen years old, residing at Mount Sterling, was struck on the head with a club in the hands of John Henry, a runaway bootblack from Lexington, a few days ago, fracturing his skull and producing fatal injuries. Both are negroes. Henry was arrested and put in jail.

A LOUISVILLE dispatch of the 18th says: "Marshall Reamer, a young man of high standing in this community, died from morphia poisoning at the City Hospital this morning. About a week ago he was committed to the City Hospital as a private patient by his brother, Mr. Wm. Reamer. He was suffering from a bad case of alcoholism, and was very wild and obstreperous, and at times almost frantic. This morning, however, feeling much improved, he arose, and, dressing himself, left his room, going out into the yard for the first time during his illness, ostensibly to take a little exercise before breakfast. About half of an hour afterward he was discovered by one of the employees of the hospital lying on the grass near the Chestnut street entrance in an unconscious condition. Aid was summoned, and he was carried to his room. The pulse was scarcely beating, and he drew long stentorian breaths at wide intervals. It was apparent that he was in a very critical condition, and every promptness was required to bring him through, but at one o'clock this afternoon death ensued, he never recovering consciousness. Deceased was twenty-three years of age, with an excellent education, handsome in appearance, refined and polite in manner, generous in disposition and full of energy and capacity. He was a short while since married to a young lady of Youngstown, Ohio, and was on his way to Livermore, Ky., where he was engaged in the axe-handle business with his brother, when seized with one of his fits of drinking. Yesterday it was so arranged that he would leave the hospital to-day and start for Livermore tomorrow. His wife was telegraphed to meet him here and accompany him to their future home."

RECENT returns from every county in Kentucky, 117 in number, give the following summary of the condition of the crops: Wheat—Acreage, compared with last year, forty-one counties report more, fifty report the same, and the balance less. Condition of the crop, fifty-six good, fifty-nine fair, and the balance poor. Corn—Acreage, twenty-seven counties report more, seventy-five the same, balance less. Condition—Seventy good, twenty-seven fair, balance poor. Oats—Acreage, twelve counties report more, sixty-five the same, the balance less. Condition—Fifty-four good, forty-one fair, the balance poor. Tobacco—Acreage, twenty-seven counties report more, thirty the same, fifteen less. Condition—twenty-two good, eighty fair, three poor. The fruit prospects all report good except four.

The following nominations for State offices were made by the Democratic Convention recently held in Louisville: Governor, J. Proctor Knott, of Marion; Lieutenant Governor, J. R. Hindman, of Adair; Attorney General, F. W. Hardin, of Mercer; Treasurer, James W. Tate, of Franklin; Auditor, Fayette Hewitt, of Hardin; Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Desha Pickett, of Fayette; Register of the Land Office, J. C. Cecil, of Pike.

A FAMILY by the name of Greathouse living at Spring Lick, Grayson County, were poisoned a few days ago, by washing in a strong solution of poke root. May apple and blood root. Two of the children died. The husband, wife, and one surviving child at last accounts were still alive, but their recovery was extremely doubtful. They used the wash to kill the itch.

### Weekly Review of the Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

The receipts were 760 hogsheds, against 840 last week, and 2,310 in the corresponding week of last year. Receipts have continued to shrink and for the week were less than one-third the receipts in the corresponding week of last year. The weather has rendered almost any kind of manipulation impracticable. The result is a necessary dearth of supplies, and another result has been a booming weather market. This term usually refers to the fortunes of a growing or forthcoming crop, but in the present instance the prospects of the next crop are having no influence whatever, but the weather is bulling the market by checking receipts and depriving the market of needful supplies. There is a remarkably large and varied demand, as the manufacturers, both small and great, have cleared out their warehouses, are crowded with orders for more goods, and all want tobacco at once. The result of this, in connection with the meager supplies, has been a very sharp further advance in Burley tobacco, and a sympathetic but smaller rise in old type Green-river styles. Burley tobaccos in good order are selling \$2.64 per 100 lbs higher than at the beginning of the month, and Green-river fillers are \$1.61 50 higher. Foreign types are 25c to 50c higher, but as yet are not a very positive market, and the styles which depend upon re-handlers or English buyers are irregular, though firmer, except for the commoner grades. Old crop Burleys have been strong and higher. We quote new-crop tobaccos as follows:

	Dark and Heavy.	Burley.
Trash.....	\$3 50 1/2 4 00 \$4 00 1/2 4 25	
Common lugs.....	4 00 1/2 4 50 4 75 1/2 5 75	
Medium to good lugs.....	4 75 1/2 5 50 5 25 1/2 6 00	
Common leaf.....	4 50 1/2 5 00 5 25 1/2 6 00	
Medium to good leaf.....	5 50 1/2 6 00 6 25 1/2 7 00	
Fine leaf.....	8 50 1/2 9 00 9 25 1/2 10 00	
Selections.....	11 00 1/2 12 00 12 25 1/2 13 00	
Medium, dark or coarse.....	8 00 1/2 8 50 9 00 1/2 9 50	
Medium, smooth and bright.....	14 00 1/2 15 00 15 25 1/2 16 00	
Good, smooth and bright.....	18 00 1/2 19 00 19 25 1/2 20 00	
Fine, smooth and bright.....	21 00 1/2 22 00 22 25 1/2 23 00	

--In the Russian province of Kazan, three hundred and fifty miles further north than Winnipeg, and where the mercury goes down to sixty below zero in winter, apples and cherries are abundant. They grow on trees which are not over eight feet high, but which are loaded with luscious fruit in the season.—*Chicago Journal*.

--The following advertisement appears in a Riverina (New South Wales) journal: "Wanted—A cultured gentleman capable of milking goats; a university man preferred. Applications, with testimonials as to proficiency, to be addressed," etc.

### Clean Fields and Heavy Crops.

There are two drawbacks in the methods largely adopted by the farmers of this country in the cultivation of their crops during the first half of the season. These methods involve a needless expenditure of labor, and permit an extensive growth of weeds. The surface of the soil is not broken or stirred often enough. A frequent pulverization would accomplish two very important uses, namely, the destruction of young weeds, and an increased growth of the crops. We have shown on former occasions the importance of destroying weeds just as they are commencing growth, and even before they have reached the surface of the ground, when the minute and tender sprouts are broken by a touch of the pulverizing implement. The experiment was tried a few years ago of passing the steel rake weekly over a given measured surface in the garden, and allowing alongside an equal area to become covered with a growth of weeds from six inches to a foot high before hilling them. A record was made by the watch of the time consumed by each method. During the two months of growth it was necessary to pass the steel rake eight times over the surface; but this was done so easily and rapidly that only one-half of the time and labor were consumed that were required to clear out once the tall weeds from the growing crop. The crop made one-half more growth by the first method, and the seeds of the weeds in the surface soil were thoroughly destroyed by the eight operations. A successful farmer, on whose rich fields about fifty bushels of corn per acre were obtained by ordinary management, assured us that by passing the cultivator once a week between the rows until the corn was as high as the horse's back, he had increased the crop to between sixty and seventy bushels per acre.

A radical improvement would be made on many farms by the adoption of the practice of keeping the surface-crust of the soil constantly broken, and by never allowing young weeds to see daylight. By thus clearing the farm of foul seeds, in a few years the costly labor of hand-weeding would be nearly superseded. To accomplish this result it is necessary to secure the best modern tools for cultivating the crops. The work should be commenced before the young weeds have reached the surface. Potatoes, for instance, are some weeks in the soil before coming up, and during this period the ground should be kept harrowed, the operation being repeated as often as the young weeds in the soil have sprouted, the harrowing breaking the sprouts and killing the weeds just as they are starting to grow. In this way the foul stuff may be materially reduced. The harrowing may be continued after the potatoes have reached the surface, and have grown some inches, without injury to them. Corn may be harrowed once before it comes up; and with a fine, slant-tooth harrow the operation may be continued every five days till the plants are nearly a foot high. This will obviate the labor of hand-hoeing. After this, the one-horse cultivator may pass several times, running shallow so as not to tear the roots, setting the reversible teeth first to throw the earth away from the row of corn, and next time against the row, a very shallow ridge being sufficient to cover the young weeds as they are just appearing, for there will be no large ones if the previous work has been promptly attended to. We have adopted this course—of first harrowing and then cultivating from and towards the row, and left the field as clean as a floor without any hand-hoeing. The repeated stirring of the soil and keeping the crust broken, gave a handsome crop of corn, decidedly larger than when the whole treatment consisted of one or two dressings with the cultivator, and a laborious "hilling" with the hoe.

In large fields, the one-horse cultivator will, of course, give way to the two-horse walking or riding cultivator. In either case, such implements should be used as may be controlled perfectly and guided so as to run within an inch or two of the row of plants; and the importance of straight and even rows is therefore obvious.—*Country Gentleman*.

### A Surprise in Store for the Old Folks.

A dilapidated man walked into a Pittsburgh shoe store a few days ago and said that he desired to make a purchase. His need of a new outfit was apparent, but his coarse, soiled and ragged clothes and general air of decay forbade the supposition that he would desire or could pay for a fine article. But he contemptuously rejected the clerk's first offers, and finally accepted an excellent pair of hand-made shoes. When he had ascertained the price he drew from a bundle of various articles held together by a bandana handkerchief a cigar box, and, quietly opening it, disclosed to the clerk's astonished gaze about \$15,000 in bills and coin. After some adroit questioning he explained that he had wandered away from his father's farm many years ago and had drifted around the country without gathering any moss, until finally, not long ago, he "struck it rich" in a Western mine and had made a fortune, of which the contents of the cigar box were only a small part. He was on his way home to see his parents, and, in order to make their consternation and his own amusement complete he proposed to appear before them in a poverty-stricken guise and not divulge his real condition until he had enjoyed their tears and welcome and sympathy. Then he intended to complete the melo-drama by "setting it up" for the old folks in gorgeous style, and the new shoes were for use in the transformation scene.—*Pittsburgh Post*.

--The Georgia gold mining belt extends from Virginia to Alabama and Florida, with an average width of one hundred and thirty miles. Thousands of men are engaged in working the mines. In one place in Lumpkin County there are twenty-six stamp mills, each employing from ten to fifty men. This statement of the extent and value of the gold mines of Georgia will probably surprise most of the Northern people.—*N. O. Picayune*.

--One man in Lexington, Miss., has shipped 1,750,000 pounds of cottonseed.

### TOPICS OF THE DAY.

JAY GOULD is so bent upon yachting that he has joined the Larchmont Yacht Club, of New York.

COL. INGERSOLL declines to make any more engagements to lecture, it is said, finding his law practice more profitable.

ISAAC HILLS, a moneyless teamster at Meriden, Conn., has fallen heir to \$150,000 by the death of an uncle in Canada.

The eight lines having their terminus at Boston have in the past year carried 41,129,285 passengers, and killed only eight.

An amateur artist, son of a wealthy Boston merchant, has taken twelve instantaneous photographs of yachts in motion, and they are said to be exquisite works.

PIERREFONT EDWARDS, the British Consul at New York, received a coffin by express a day or two ago. He thinks that the uncanny gift came from the Fenians.

SIR HENRY MAINE has been elected Corresponding Member of the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, in the place of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

FAREWELLS with promises to meet in Europe this summer are constantly heard now at Washington receptions, uttered by the many who will spend the warm months abroad.

D. W. BURTON, a reliable clergyman now at work as a missionary in Liberia, writes that the colored people can do much better in America than in the young African republic. Skilled laborers only can find employment there.

BOATS are to be anchored at intervals of 165 miles, on the submarine cable between Marseilles and Algiers, the object being to test the practicability of establishing mid-ocean telegraph stations, through which ships at sea may communicate with the land.

DOWNING VAUX, the young architect who is engaged in marriage to Miss Edwina Booth, but whose mind has been impaired by inhaling gas from a light which the wind had blown out, has disappeared from his home in New York. Great anxiety is felt about him.

IN June a daughter of General Buckner, of Louisville, Ky., who is to marry Mr. Morris Belknap, also of that city, will have what is there called a "rainbow wedding," as the bridesmaids in couples will wear the prismatic colors, each pair having a different pale hue of India silk.

GENERAL SHERMAN and his family do not expect to remove permanently from Washington to St. Louis before the middle of June, and will pass most of the intervening time in Washington. He will attend the graduating classes at West Point before going West.

THE Hon. Levi P. Morton, Minister to France, has collected, at some considerable expense and trouble, complete sets of the postage stamps of France, under the Empire and the Republic, and has given them to be placed in the corner stone of the Garfield monument in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland.

JOHN F. ANDREW, whose father, a penniless Maine boy, grew famous as the War Governor of Massachusetts, will be married shortly to the daughter of the late Nathaniel Thayer, banker, of Boston. Miss Thayer's fortune is placed at \$2,500,000, though her grandfather was a country clergyman, as poor as a church mouse.

"FATHER" HAWLEY, father of Senator Hawley, of Hartford, was taken to the Hartford Insane Retreat a few days ago. For some months he has shown unmistakable evidences of insanity, and it was deemed best for the safety of his family and friends to put him under greater restraint.

JOHN PEARSON, a trembling old man, who has been a resident of Fort Smith, Ark., for forty-three years, claims to have been the actual inventor of the revolver patented by Colonel Colt. He says that in 1834, while he was working in Baltimore, Colt hired him to make experiments, which resulted in the perfected revolver.

A NEW YORK millionaire named Hamersley recently died leaving an estate estimated at \$6,000,000, which, it was rumored, would after his wife's death be distributed among prominent charities. On being asked if the will would be contested, a cousin of the deceased replied: "O, no, there will be no contest; there is no ground for it; the estate is to be divided among the family and not among charities."